

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION**

STATE OF FLORIDA; FLORIDA AGENCY
FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION;
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
MANAGEMENT SERVICES; CATHOLIC
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, on behalf of its
current and future members,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 8:24-cv-1080-WFJ-TGW

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES; ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, JR., in his official capacity as
Secretary of the Department of Health and
Human Services; ANTHONY ARCHEVAL,
in his official capacity as the Acting Director of
the Office for Civil Rights; CENTERS FOR
MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES;
STEPHANIE CARLTON, in her official
capacity as Acting Administrator of the Centers
for Medicare and Medicaid Services,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

Plaintiffs State of Florida, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Florida Department of Management Services, and Catholic Medical Association appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from the District Court's order "dismiss[ing] this case without prejudice as moot and not capable of repetition within any reasonable time frame," ECF No. 79, entered in this action on the 9th day of June 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 16, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed with the Court's CM/ECF system, which will provide service to all parties who have registered with CM/ECF and filed an appearance in this action.

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